

# **MRS. PEARL WINGFIELD FRANKLIN'S DEATH**

Mrs. Pearl Wingfield Franklin, 40, died at her home near Gladstone at 5 A. M. last Tuesday, after several days' illness.

Mrs. Franklin was the daughter of the late Alex and Ella C. Franklin, of Appomattox county, and was a member of the New Chapel Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Marshall Franklin, Jr.; one son, Marshall Franklin, Jr.; and two daughters, Mrs. Harvey MacFadden, of Bedford; Mrs. E. V. Potts, of Spout Spring; Mrs. Mattie Totty, of Concord; and Mrs. Bernard Ferguson, of Appomattox.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

# **Evergreen**

Evergreen, Sept. 9.—Detective and Mrs. O. O. Deater, of Portsmouth, called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. LeGrande last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Nix, of Richmond, visited her sister, Mrs. A. A. LeGrande last Tuesday evening, en route to Natural Bridge and the Valley of Virginia and other points of interest.

Mr. LeGrande left last Wednesday for Pennsylvania to resume his work there, after spending several weeks with his family here.

Archie LeGrande had the misfortune to smash his finger, which has caused considerable discomfort.

Mr. Lillian Garrett was the dinner guest of Miss Louise LeGrande last Sunday. Misses Lundy Warriner and Barbara Deane called in the same home.

The daylight saving time schedule has caused some of us town-folk to get up earlier!

A word of kindness is seldom spoken in vain, while witty sayings are as easily lost as the pearls slipping from a broken string—Selected.

Be neither too early in fashion, nor too long out of it, nor too precisely in it. What custom hath civilized is become decent; all that is ridiculous—Where the eye is the jury, time apparel is the evidence.—Exchange.

The head of every household should not neglect adequate insurance protection.

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# **Hixburg Items**

Hixburg, Sept. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Newton, of Richmond, spent Sunday in the home of J. R. Marshall. Mrs. Bessie Grinstead returned with her mother to Richmond for a visit before going back to her home in Mississippi.

Miss Ruth Swan has returned to her home in Mississippi.

# **Forest View**

Forest View, Sept. 8.—The nice shower a few days ago helped the late garden some.

Practically all the tobacco has been saved in this vicinity.

Mr. Burke, of near Albemarle, visited his children, Mrs. Chap Nash and Mrs. Hunter Nash, last week.

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# **Rocks News Letter**

The Hix families enjoyed a picnic supper at Holloway Lake Tuesday night.

Miss Gertrude and Lavettie Sears spent Sunday in the home of H. M. Marshall, E. J. and Lester Sears spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sears, of Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hix and baby daughter on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Carson is spending some time with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Carson, of Washington, also called in this house.

Mrs. J. W. Watkins and son, Joe, of Farmville, called to see Mrs. E. W. Gilliam yesterday afternoon.

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# **Vera News**

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Miss Irene Garrett, of Lynchburg, spent the weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Abbott spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coleman and Mrs. Abbott spent Sunday with Mrs. Bennett Gilliam, of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Covington and Mrs. Walker Covington spent Sunday in Lynchburg.

Y. F. Coleman has returned home after a visit with friends near Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reynolds visited Mrs. J. J. Chernaugh Sunday evening.

Sallie Lou Chernaugh spent the weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernaugh are the happy parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrett spent Sunday with Mrs. Fletcher Garrett, of Hillsville.

Our telephone number is 30.

The bloodiest fighting since the war began in Europe has been on the long Russian front.

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# **May Enlist Bees as Message Carriers**

HONOLULU.—Richard Nieman hopes to make his contribution to the national defense program the possibility of using message-carrying bees in much the same manner as bees as an avocation.

Nieman, an engineer, for the last 10 years has carried on the study of bees as an avocation.

His latest development has been a technique for using bees as message carriers, and it has now been perfected, he says.

The bees are taken to a distance of about a mile, their usual honey-gathering radius, and are anesthetized with ether.

They are then attached underneath their bodies containing messages written on onion-skin paper about the size of a postage stamp.

As soon as the bees emerge from the influence of the ether, they begin to fly, carrying the messages with them.

They are then released and the bees head at once for their hive and return.

Army officers who have followed experiments believe a definite role for such message carriers can be worked out for the army.

They envisage the use of them in front-line warfare, where the size of carrier pigeons makes them too conspicuous for use and open to destruction by the enemy.

The bee, it is pointed out, is too small to be seen and it is believed where troops are holding down positions in close contact with the enemy they could be utilized for communications with command posts in the rear.

Nieman also is working with local hospitals and physicians in the preparation of a bee "venom" serum for the treatment of rheumatism.

**50 Technicians at Work**  
To Widen Plastics Field  
ALBANY, CALIF.—In the new \$2,000,000 Western Regional Research laboratory approximately 50 technicians are conducting experiments from which it is hoped a new method for producing plastics and artificial fiber from agricultural surplus products will be developed.

The scientists even expect to produce waterproof glue and concentrated food from such products as chicken feathers, alfalfa, wheat and potatoes.

R. H. Nagel, technical assistant, said machine will come in for its share of attention with anticipated experiments on chicken heads for glandular extracts.

The experiments are being conducted in 50 newly equipped rooms. Eventually, when all the 50 rooms are prepared, it is expected several hundred civil service workers will be stationed at the laboratory.

Surplus products have been gathered in several states and are being held in cold storage, awaiting shipment to the plant as they are needed.

**British Call U. S. Tanks**  
"Most Useful" After Tests  
LONDON.—The supply ministry announced that British forces were receiving two of the "most useful" types of American tanks, the so-called light cruiser and the 28-ton Chrysler M3 medium.

American supply ships were understood to have taken quantities of the tanks to the Red sea recently. The light cruiser already has been in battle in Egypt, where it was said to have stood the test splendidly.

Lord Beaverbrook, minister of supply, said: "It proved a most valuable weapon and mechanically the most reliable tank in the world. It was given a severe test of 3,000 miles of continuous traveling over country of every kind. It stood up magnificently, giving no trouble whatever. It is believed to be as fast as anything of this class tank the Germans can put in the field."

The weight of the light cruiser was not given, but the name indicated a tonnage comparable to that of the British Valentine of 14 tons.

**Lost in Big City, Story**  
Gets Another Chapter  
AMARILLO, TEXAS.—Here's a real case of a country boy who got lost in the big city. Jack Armstrong, 28-year-old Amarillo grocery clerk, went to Los Angeles. There he registered at a hotel. He left his car and set out to see the sights. Half an hour later he started walking in what he thought was the direction of his hotel.

After an hour search he gave up and registered at another hotel. He told police he didn't remember the name of the first hotel and asked them to find his automobile and his luggage.

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